
Competition Timetable General Principles and Guidelines

World Athletics Championships

Overall structure

- The timetable is based on a 10-day competition, with a combination of morning and evening sessions. Day 1 is to be considered as a “qualification day” but could include some finals.
- The duration of the main session (evening) should be around 2.5 hours, not more than 3 hours.
- The morning sessions should be used normally for the first round in Track Events and Qualifying Groups in Field Events.

Distribution of the Finals

- In principle, all the Semi-Finals and Finals except the Road Events shall be in the main evening sessions
- In principle, there should be only two Field Event Finals in each evening sessions (one jump and one throw). Only one Field Event Final each day of Combined Events.
- A balanced number of Finals and gender across all days

Distribution of the events

- In the Field Events, Men and Women event could interchange according to local requirements or in order to balance the overall programme
- Both Combined Events (Men and Women) should be conducted on the same days
(Note: this point will be review after Doha feedback from different stakeholders)

Road Events

- Normally in the morning sessions
- Both short distances events for Race Walk could be scheduled in the same morning and separates races for Race Walk long distance events could be also scheduled in the same morning but a minimum of six rest days will be provided

Number of rounds for Track Events

- Three rounds: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles
- Two rounds: 5000m, 3000m Steeplechase, 4x100m Relay, 4x400m Relay, 4x400m Mixed Relay
- Straight final: 10,000m

(A Preliminary Qualification Round of 100m Men and Women is to include only unqualified athletes.)

Interval between stages of an event

- There shall be at least two rest days between the first round and the final for the
 - 5000m
 - 3000m Steeplechase

- There shall be normally at least one rest day between the Semi-Finals or the Qualification Rounds and the Finals for the:
 - 400m
 - 400m Hurdles
 - 800m
 - 1500m
 - High Jump
 - Pole Vault
 - Triple Jump
 - Javelin Throw
 - Hammer Throw (if possible)
- 200m Finals should be on the following day of the semi-finals
- 100m Semi-Finals and Finals should be normally in the same session, but with at least a 90-minute interval
- Shot Put Qualification and Finals could be on the same day but in different sessions
- Relays
 - 1st weekend – Mixed Relay
 - Last day and last event – 4x400m (4x100m day before)

Traditional doubling possibilities

- Men and Women
 - 100m/200m/4x100
 - 200m/400m/4x400m/4x400m Mixed
 - 800m/1500m
 - 5000m/10,000m
 - Race Walking

Medal Ceremonies

Normally, Medal Ceremonies will be scheduled before and after the competition in order not to interfere with the competition flow.

World Indoor Championships

Overall structure

- The timetable is based on a 3-day competition, with normally six sessions (three morning and three evening). Day 1 is to be considered as a “qualification day” but could include some Finals.
- The duration of the main session (evening) should be around 3 hours.
- The morning sessions should be used normally for first round in Track Events

Distribution of the Finals

- In principle all track finals shall be in the evening sessions
- In principle there should be at least one field events finals in each session
- A balanced number of finals and gender across all days

Distribution of the events

- In the field events, men and women events could interchange according to local requirements or in order to balance the overall programme
- Both Combined Events (Men and Women) should be conducted on the same days

Number of rounds for Track Events

- Three rounds: 60m, 400m and 60m Hurdles
- Two rounds: 800m, 1500m, 3000m and 4x400m Relay

Field Events

- All the field events shall be held as straight Finals

Interval between stages of an event

- 60m (and 60m H) Semi-Finals and Finals should be normally in the same session, but with at least a 90-minute interval

Traditional doubling possibilities

- Men and Women
 - 60m/60m hurdles
 - 400m/4x400m
 - 800m/1500m

Medal Ceremonies

Normally, Medal Ceremonies will be scheduled before and after the competition in order not to interfere with the competition flow.

World U20 Championships

Overall structure

- The timetable is based on a 6-day competition, with a combination of morning and evening sessions. Day 1 is to be considered as a “qualification day” but could include some Finals.
- The duration of the main session (evening) should be around 4 hours.
- The morning sessions should be used normally for the first round in Track Events and Qualifying Groups in Field Events.

Distribution of the Finals

- In principle all the semi-finals and finals except the Race Walk events shall be in the main evening sessions
- A balanced number of finals and gender across all days

Distribution of the events

- In the field events, men and women events could interchange according to local requirements or in order to balance the overall programme
- Both Combined Events (Men and Women) could be conducted on the same days

Number of rounds for Track Events

- Three rounds: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles
- Two rounds: 1500m, 3000m Steeplechase, 4x100m Relay, 4x400m Relay
- Straight Final: 3000m, 5000m, 10,000m Race Walk

Interval between stages of an event

- There shall be normally at least one day rest between the Semi-Finals or the Qualification Rounds and the Finals for the:
 - 1500m
 - High Jump
 - Pole Vault
- 200m Finals should be on the following day of the Semi-Finals
- 100m Semi-Finals and finals should be normally in the same session, but with at least 90 minutes interval
- Shot Put Qualification and Finals could be on the same day but in different sessions
- Relays
 - Last day and last event – 4x400m (4x100m day before)

Traditional doubling possibilities

- Men and Women
 - 100m/200m/4x100
 - 400m/4x400m
 - 800m/1500m
 - 3000m/5000m

Medal Ceremonies

Normally, Medal Ceremonies will be scheduled before and after the competition in order not to interfere with the competition flow.

Timetable development timelines

Internal working group lead by Competition Management with Technical Management and Event Presentation (previous input from Competition & Events Director and/or IAAF Council).

The stakeholders which will be consulted are: Technical Delegates, LOC, IAAF Productions, RHBs, IAAF Health & Science and Dentsu.

Timelines for World Athletic Championships

21 months before

Meeting between IAAF/LOC to discuss events distribution, FOP layout and start times for morning and evening sessions.

19 months before

Timetable version 1 sent out to the different stakeholders for review and feedback.

18 months before

Stakeholders send back feedback about V1.

17 months before

Timetable version 2 (including detailed timetable, FOP events allocation and medals ceremonies) sent out to the stakeholders for feedback.

16 months before

Timetable meeting with Technical Delegate (s), IAAF Competitions & Events, IAAF Productions, IAAF Health & Science, RHBs, Dentsu and LOC.

15 months before

Timetable version 3 finished after timetable meeting and ready for Council approved.

Timelines for World Indoor Championships

20 months before

Meeting between IAAF/LOC to discuss events distribution, FOP layout and start times for morning and evening sessions.

19 months before

Timetable version 1 sent out to the different stakeholders for review and feedback.

18 months before

Stakeholders send back feedback about V1.

17 months before

Timetable version 2 (including detailed timetable, FOP events allocation and medals ceremonies) sent out to the stakeholders for feedback.

16 months before

Timetable finished and ready for Council approved.

Timelines for World U20 Championships

18 months before

Meeting between IAAF/LOC to discuss events distribution, FOP layout and start times for morning and evening sessions.

17 months before

Timetable (including detailed timetable, FOP events allocation and medals ceremonies) sent out to the stakeholders for feedback.

16 months before

Stakeholders send back feedback about draft timetable

15 months before

Timetable finished and ready for Council approved.